

What assistance will DHEC provide?

Aside from the testing services, DHEC will also provide onsite assistance if requested. DHEC personnel will inspect your well and distribution system



and make recommendations concerning its construction, operation and maintenance. DHEC staff will

point out any areas of concern that may increase the chances of your well becoming contaminated. This consultation is provided free of charge.

Who should I contact if I have questions?

For more information, you may contact your local DHEC Environmental Quality Control (EQC) Regional Office.

DHEC EQC Regional Offices

EQC Regional Offices Web site
www.scdhec.gov/regions

Region 1:

Anderson EQC Office
2514 Belton Hwy
Anderson, SC 29621
(864) 260-5569

Greenwood EQC Office
613 South Main Street
Greenwood, SC 29646
(864) 223-0333

Region 2:

Greenville EQC Office
301 University Ridge,
Suite 5800
Greenville, SC 29601
(864) 241-1090

Spartanburg EQC Office
900 South Pine Street,
Suite 2A
Spartanburg, SC 29303
(864) 596-3800

Region 3:

Columbia EQC Office
PO Box 156, Building #5
State Park, SC 29147
(803) 896-0620

Lancaster EQC Office
2475 DHEC Road
Lancaster, SC 29720
(803) 285-7461

Region 4:

Florence EQC Office
145 E. Cheves Street
Florence, SC 29506
(843) 661-4825

Sumter EQC Office
PO Box 1628
105 Magnolia Street
Sumter, SC 29151
(803) 778-6548

Region 5:

Aiken EQC Office
206 Beaufort Street, NE
Aiken, SC 29801
(803) 641-7670

Orangeburg Area
Contact: (803) 268-7303

Region 6:

Myrtle Beach EQC Office
927 Shine Avenue
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577
(843) 238-4378

Region 7:

Charleston EQC
Field Office
1362 McMillan Avenue,
Suite 300
Charleston, SC 29405
(803) 953-0150

Region 8:

Beaufort EQC Office
104 Parker Drive
Burton, SC 29906
(843) 846-1030

Public Water Systems



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What is a Public Water System?

In South Carolina, any water system which provides water for public



consumption is considered a public water system with the exception of a water system that serves a single family residence or dwelling.

Public consumption includes but is not limited to use of water for drinking, bathing or sanitary purposes.

What are my responsibilities as the owner of a Public Water System?

You must provide water that is free from chemical or microbiological contaminants. Your water system must be constructed, operated and

maintained to prevent the water from becoming contaminated. In short, it is your responsibility to make sure that the water you serve to the public is safe for human consumption.

How can I make sure that my water is safe for human consumption?

Most ground water sources in South Carolina are naturally free from harmful contaminants. Therefore, it is important to make sure that there are no man-made sources of contamination near the wellhead. Typical sources of contamination include gasoline, fertilizers and other chemicals often stored in well houses. These types of contaminants should be removed from the well house and stored at another location.

There is also the possibility of microbiological contamination of a well source. This can

come from the presence of domestic or wild animals in the area around the wellhead. Where this may be a concern, well construction and the integrity of the sanitary seal and the concrete pad around the well is of utmost importance. A properly constructed and maintained well will minimize the potential for surface contamination of a well supply.

Can I have my water tested?

Yes. You can have your water tested for any number of contaminants.

DHEC will test your water for bacteria for a small fee. Commercial laboratories can test for many other contaminants in

drinking water. If you are concerned that your well may be contaminated you should have it tested immediately.

